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Scott Gardner, DFG wild turkey biologist, says that the 2006 spring turkey season is going to be good. In spite of heavy 2005 spring rains, there appears to have been good survival for young turkeys.

Spring turkey season is from March 25 – April 30, 2006. The spring season bag and possession limit is one bearded turkey per day and three per season. A bearded turkey is one having a beard visible through the breast feathers. An Upland Game Bird Stamp is required by adult license holders to hunt turkeys.

Spring shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 4:00 p.m.

In California, the Rio Grande turkeys are found in the blue oak covered foothills and sometimes in the Central Valley river bottom habitat. When scouting an area for turkey sign look for tracks, feathers, scratching, dusting areas and droppings. Look for dusting areas with tracks in them or roost trees with droppings and feathers under them. In dry areas, search around water sources for turkey tracks. The best times to look or listen for turkeys include the early morning hours from one-half hour before sunrise until mid-morning, and late in the evening as the turkeys go to roost.

The male turkey gobbles primarily for two reasons: to attract hens for breeding purposes, and asserting dominance. Although more common in the spring, gobblers can be heard throughout the year.

Turkeys also “yelp”. Both gobblers and hens, as well as young turkeys (jakes and jennies) will use one form or another of the yelp, often as a basic communication call.

There are many different types of yelps, ranging from quiet tree yelps made by hens while still on the roost, to louder, coarse gobbler yelps made by both adult and juvenile males. The translation of any yelp depends largely on the call's volume, intensity, cadence or rhythm, and frequency, or how often it's repeated or the length of the call's duration. A tree yelp, for instance, may contain only three or four low-volume calls, while a turkey that's become separated from the flock may yelp 18 or 20 times in a row, and with much more enthusiasm and volume.

If you do not hear gobblers calling, try a crow call, owl call, shock call, or predator call in early morning or just before dark. Gobblers will often respond, giving away their location.

The most effective way to call a spring gobbler is by reproducing the sounds a hen makes. The easiest calls to master are the friction calls (box, peg and slate, peg and glass, or push button). Diaphragm mouth calls are the most versatile calls but require much practice.

Beginners should remember that it is better to call too softly than too loudly, and to call too rarely than too frequently. Timing, or rhythm, can be more important than the actual quality of sound.

The best camouflage clothing is both protective and comfortable. Hands, face, and gun should be camouflaged. The illusion of depth is the key to great camouflage clothing. Earth tone colorations and careful arrangement of simulated limbs, leaves, sticks, and twigs in clothing can make one disappear into the surrounding terrain. Never wear clothing that contains the colors red, white, or blue because they can be mistaken for colors found on wild turkeys.

Shot size used to hunt wild turkeys is typically #4, #5, or #6. A turkey hunter shoots for a specific spot on the bird, namely the head and neck. Multiple pellet hits in this area is the best way to bag a wild turkey.

Jakes are 1-year old or younger toms which have spent the fall establishing dominance among themselves. They usually avoid the older toms and come silently to a hen call.

Most of us would like to shoot the biggest, oldest gobbler. He is likely to be the dominant one within a flock. When watching a small group of gobblers in the spring as they approach a hen or come to your calling, look for the long beard that does most or all of the strutting. The other gobblers around the dominant bird will often strut, too, but usually they will not strut as long or as fully fanned.

In addition to establishing hunting regulations that promote healthy wild turkey populations, another key component of the Department's management efforts for wild turkeys is an aggressive trap-and-transplant program. For many years, the Department has expanded the Rio Grande Wild Turkey into many new locations in lower elevation oak woodlands. Most public lands at this elevation now have wild turkeys and the Department has focused transplant efforts on the Merriam's Wild Turkey. This type of wild turkey is adapted for higher elevation habitats, many of which are publicly owned national forests.

Proper Use of Decoys - By the National Wild Turkey Federation

A decoy should never be visible while being transported, cover it.

Whenever possible, set-up by a “stand” tree that is wider than your shoulders and taller than your head.

From your seated position, identify the clearest line of vision to your front. Establish a “sight line” that allows you 100 yards visibility. Then set your decoy(s) approximately 20 yards from your position on the line.

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Proper Use of Decoys - By the National Wild Turkey Federation (continued)

Should you see another hunter (especially if he/she is close to your "line of sight") call out to them in a loud, clear voice. Their presence has already compromised your location and a "soft" call may only confuse them, rather than alerting them to your presence.

If you are calling over decoys and then elect to move to a new location, check carefully to ensure that no one is stalking your decoys. Check before leaving your "stand" tree. Should you see someone in the area, call out to them in a loud, clear voice.

Places to Hunt Wild Turkeys with a Reservation

(Reservations may only be required for the first weekend or first few days of turkey season)

Spenceville Wildlife Area (11,213 acres) and Daugherty Hill WA (4,200 acres) - Both Type C WA's are 20 miles east of Marysville. Permits issued by drawing at the DFG, Region 2 office for Sat., Sun., and Wed., for the first 9 days of spring turkey season. Non-reservation public hunting begins Monday, April 3, 2006. No reservations needed during the fall season. For maps call DFG Region 2 at (916) 358-2900. - Drawing Open to All. Hunt Dates: March 25, 26, 29, April 1 and 2, 2006

Oroville Wildlife Area (11,871 acres -Type C Area) West of Oroville CA. All spring turkey hunting by reservation only. No fall turkey hunting on this area. For maps call DFG, Region 2 at (916) 358-2900. Drawing Open to All. Hunt Periods: March 25-26, April 8-9, and April 22-23, 2006.

How to Apply for Spenceville, Daugherty Hill and Oroville WA's: Use the application in this issue or fill out a standard, 4x6 US postal card with the hunter's name, address, phone and hunting license number. Include which area you are applying for and your choice of hunt dates in order of preference. Up to 4 hunters may apply per postcard and all must include their hunting license number. For the Daugherty Hill WA, please note a preference for the Daugherty Hill, Donovan Hill, or Darby Road Units. You may submit only one application for each of the three wildlife area drawings. Send completed postcards to: Department of Fish and Game, GBH Special Hunt, 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, California 95670. All applications must be received by 5:00pm on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 and the computer drawing will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2006. Each successful applicant will receive a permit, map and instructions by March 14, 2006 via mail. Successful applicants will also be posted at the address listed above. Forty spaces per day are available at Spenceville WA, 21 per day at Daugherty Hill WA and 15 per hunt period at Oroville WA.

Lake Sonoma - 14 miles west of Healdsburg. Fall and spring turkey hunting by reservation only. For information contact the DFG, Region 3 at 707 944-5500. Archery and crossbow pig hunting is available. See article in this edition.

Lake Sonoma Spring Turkey Hunt- Liberty Glen - Drawing Open to All. Hunt Date: April 8 and 9, 2006 Contact: (707) 944-5537 or 944-5547. How to Apply: Ten hunters will be drawn for each hunt, and each hunter can take one (1) hunting guest. Applicants may apply for only one hunt day in each season. Fill out a postcard with the hunter's name, address, phone number, hunting license number and hunt date for which you are applying. Send completed postcards (one name per card) to: DFG, Lake Sonoma Spring Turkey Hunt, PO Box 47, Yountville, CA 94599. All applications must be received by 5:00 pm on Thursday, March 16, 2006 and the drawing will be held on Friday, March 17, 2006.

Lake Sonoma "Junior" Spring Turkey Hunt - Yorty Creek - Hunt Dates: April 1 and 2, 2006. Contact: (707) 944-5537 or 944-5547. How to Apply: Ten hunters will be drawn for each hunt, and each junior hunter can take one (1) hunting guest. The junior hunter can take either another licensed junior hunter or an adult hunter. Two junior hunters must be accompanied by an adult. Fill out a postcard with the junior hunter's name, address, phone number, hunting license number and hunt day requested. Send completed postcards to: Department of Fish and Game, Lake Sonoma "Junior" Spring Turkey Hunt, PO Box 47, Yountville, CA 94599. All applications must be received by 5:00pm on Thursday, March 16, 2006 and the drawing will be held on Friday, March 17, 2006.

Lake Sonoma Turkey Hunt Success 2004-05: The two-day turkey hunts for 2004-05 resulted in 48 hunters taking 18 wild turkeys, with an overall success rate of 37%. Junior hunters took 8 turkeys for 27 hunters or 30% success, and 21 adult hunters took 10 for 48% success.

University of California at Browns Valley "Junior" Spring Turkey Hunt - The University of California Field Station is located 20 miles east of Marysville. This is the only hunting offered during the spring season. Fifteen openings for junior hunters are available for each of the 4 hunt days of April 1-2 and 22-23, 2006. Volunteer guides may be available. See application in this issue.

Cache Creek Wildlife Area (3,860 acre of DFG land) and Cache Creek Management Area (85,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake, Yolo and Colusa Counties. Habitat: Oak grassland and dense chaparral. There are 3 access points. 1. North Fork Cache Creek Trailhead; from Interstate Highway 5 at Williams, go west on Highway 20 approximately 33 miles to the parking lot on the south side of the road. The entrance is immediately past where Highway 20 crosses over North Fork Cache Creek. From Highway 101 at Calpella, go east on Highway 20 about 48 miles to the parking lot. 2. Langs Peak Road Access; take Highway 16 south of Highway 20 to County Road 40. Follow the winding switchbacks for 4.5 miles to Langs Peak Road. Langs Peak road is a 4WD road. 3. Davis Street Access; take Highway 53 south off Highway 20 to 40th Avenue and turn left at the stop light. Make immediate left and follow to Davis Street. Access is to the left of the Clearlake landfill entrance. Deer, bear, wild pig, coyote, wild turkey, CA and mtn. quail, mourning dove, tree squirrel, band-tailed pigeon, cottontail and jackrabbit are present. An entry permit for hunting, issued by special drawing by the DFG, is required for the first two days of the spring turkey season. The Payne Ranch (13,000 acres) was recently purchased to improve habitat for wildlife and the tule elk herd. Call the BLM Ukiah office at (707) 468-4000 for a detailed map or the DFG at (707) 944-5500

Cache Creek Management Area Spring Wild Turkey Hunt: Drawing Open to All. Wild turkey hunts for the opening weekend of the spring wild turkey season at Cache Creek Wildlife Area (DFG) and Cache Creek Management Area (BLM) on

March 25-26, 2006 will be by permit only, with 40, 2-day permits issued by special drawings. Hunting open to all on Monday, March 27.

Drawing: All applications must be received by 5:00 pm, Thursday, March 2, 2006 to be included in the drawing on March 3, 2006. Applications: Only one application per hunter. Two hunters may apply on one application. Submit a standard Postal Service size postcard (one or two hunters per card) with name & mailing address, telephone number, and hunting license number of each hunter.

Mail to: DFG, Cache Creek Spring Turkey Hunt, PO Box 47, Yountville, CA 94599. Successful applicants will be issued a permit by mail. Additional information and a map of the hunt area will be included.

Places to Hunt Wild Turkeys Without a Reservation:

Feather River Wildlife Area - Type C Area - Units are located 23-28 miles north of Sacramento on both sides of the Feather River. This WA is occasionally flooded during spring turkey season. The Lake of the Woods Unit (700 acres) is located 25 miles north of Sacramento and 10 miles south of Marysville on Feather River Boulevard. Walk-in access is south from the Star Bend Fishing Access. The Nelson Slough Unit (800 acres) is located 23 miles north of Sacramento, 17 miles south of Yuba City and under the Highway 99 Feather River Bridge. Access is east or west on Sacramento Avenue. The O'Connor Lake's Unit (471 acres) and the Abbott Lake Unit (439 acres) are 30 miles north of Sacramento and 10 miles south of Yuba City at the east end of Star Bend Road. Park on top of the levee at the end of Star Bend Road. For maps call DFG, Region 2 at (916) 358-2900.

Lake Oroville State Recreation Area - The majority of the Recreation Area lands consists of a narrow strip surrounding Oroville Lake extending a minimum of 300 feet from the high water line to one-half mile or more in some areas. Some U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands adjoin the Recreation Area. Hunting on or from the water surface of Lake Oroville is prohibited. For a map contact the Lake Oroville State Recreation Area, 400 Glen Drive, Oroville, CA 95966 or call (916) 538-2200 or 538-2219.

State Game Refuge 1G in Tehama County is open for spring turkey hunting - 45 miles east of Red Bluff via Highway 36. State Game Refuges are normally closed to all hunting. For a map call DFG, Region 1 at (530) 225-2300.

Tehama Wildlife Area (44,601 acres - Type C Area) - Open for hunting all year except that no person shall enter that portion of the Tehama Wildlife Area lying south of Antelope Creek during the period beginning on the first Monday in December through the last Friday in March. Habitat is rolling hills covered with oak trees and brush. All of the area is open for turkey hunting. No pig hunting except during February/March by USE PERMIT only. Deer, wild turkey, coyotes, and CA quail, are popular game species. Located 23 miles east of Red Bluff via Highway 36. Call (530) 597-2201 for a map or info.

Black Butte Lake (3000 acres) - 25 miles west of Chico via Highway 32 and Newville Road. For a map contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 19225 Newville Road, Orland, CA 95963 or call (530) 865-4781.

Auburn State Recreation Area (30,000 acres) - South of Interstate 80 near Auburn. Hunting is allowed from Sept. 1 to Jan. 31 and spring turkey season. Only shotguns, rifles or bows and arrows may be used. Popular game species include deer, valley quail, dove, bandtail pigeon and wild turkey. Write the Auburn State RA, CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation, 501 El Dorado St., Auburn, CA 95604 or call (530) 885-4527/988-0205 for maps and information. Hunting is allowed in specific areas.

New Hogan Lake (400 acres) - 30 miles east of Stockton. For a map contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2713 Hogan Dam Blvd., Valley Springs, CA 95252 or call (209) 772-1343.

Mendocino NF east of Covelo (Mendocino County) and in the Lake Pillsbury area (Lake County). For a map contact the Mendocino NF, 825 North Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988 or call (530) 934-3316.

Indian Valley Wildlife Area (1,600 acres of DFG land) and Indian Valley Management Area (50,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Colusa Counties -Habitat: Dense chaparral with small scattered pockets of oak grassland. Access: About 27 miles west of Williams or 14 miles east of Clearlake Oaks on Highway 20 to Walker Ridge Road. Travel north on Walker Ridge Road to Indian Valley Reservoir. Deer, bear, wild pig, coyote, wild turkey, waterfowl, CA and mtn quail, dove, tree squirrel, cottontail and jackrabbit are present. The BLM has developed two campgrounds with water and restroom facilities. A boat ramp is available at the north and south ends of the lake. Warmwater fishing in the reservoir for largemouth bass, crappie, rainbow trout, bluegill and catfish. Cache Creek below the reservoir is planted with brown trout and is open during trout season. BLM in Ukiah at 707 468-4000.

Cow Mountain Recreation Area (50,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Mendocino Counties. Habitat: Rugged chaparral with some oak woodland. Access from Ukiah, 5 miles via Talmage and Mill Creek roads. Access from Lakeport, 5 miles via Scott Creek Road which is a rugged unimproved dirt road, and is closed during the winter due to impassable high water. Because these roads are narrow and winding with steep slopes, large recreational vehicles and travel trailers are not recommended. The rifle range, located just north of the Willow Creek Day Use Site, has been developed specifically for target shooting. There are 5 camping areas. The 27,000 acre North Cow Mountain RA is closed to Off-Highway Vehicles. The 23,000 acre South Cow Mountain Off-Highway Vehicle RA has developed roads for OHV recreation. Open to hunting all year during legal seasons. Deer, bear, wild pig, coyote, wild turkey, CA quail, dove, tree squirrel, band-tailed pigeon, cottontail and jackrabbit are present. Bureau of Land Mgt in Ukiah (707) 468-4000.

Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area - Hunting daily during hunting seasons - Type C wildlife area - 8600 acres of oak woodland. Location about 14 miles north of Yreka near the Oregon border. From the south, take the Henley-Hornbrook exit off Interstate 5 and proceed east (right) on Copco Road for about 12 miles to the Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area entrance sign and turn left for ¼ mile to the parking area. California and mountain quail, mourning dove, deer and black-tailed jackrabbits are present. For a map call (530) 459-3926.

National Forests in the Sierras Nevada Mtns.- The lower elevation areas sometimes have turkeys. Purchase a National Forest map and hike the lowest elevation areas looking for turkey sign in the oak groves.

SPECIAL "JUNIOR" TURKEY HUNT - Spring 2006-April 1ST, 2ND, 22ND, 23RD
University of California, Sierra Foothill Research & Extension Center
8279 Scott Forbes Road, Browns Valley, CA 95918-9636

1. This junior turkey hunt is sponsored by the U.C. Sierra Foothill Research & Extension Center and the Department of Fish and Game Gamebird Heritage Program. Hunters will be selected by lottery. The cost is \$20.00 per hunter (no cost until selected). A current junior hunting license is required. Each junior hunter, or junior hunting party, must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult.
2. A drawing will be held on March 1, 2006. If your name is drawn, you will receive notification by March 8th. Only one application per junior hunter. Up to two junior hunters may be selected together as a party and they should submit their applications together. It is important to read the application carefully and follow the instructions.
3. Policy Statement - If you participated in this hunt last year (April 2005), you will not be eligible to participate in this year's program. This will give more junior hunters an opportunity to participate in this program. If you still possess a Jr. License next spring, you will be eligible once again.
4. An orientation tour of the area is available (recommended) the evening before each hunt, but is not mandatory. You will be able to scout your assigned area that evening, following orientation, until dark.
5. If you have any questions, call the Department of Fish and Game at (530) 743-5068. Applications can be copied for others interested in the lottery.

(Complete this section and return — Please print neatly)

Name: _____ Jr. Hunting License # _____ or scheduled Hunter Safety Course completion date _____
Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Area Code _____ Home Phone _____
If available, would you like an experienced turkey hunter to accompany you and your adult companion? YES NO Circle One

Date Choice: April 1_____, April 2_____, April 22_____, April 23_____

(Mark 1, 2, 3, & 4 for date preferences, 1 for first choice, 4 for last, and N/A for dates not available)

Mail to: U.C. Junior Turkey Hunt, 8279 Scott Forbes Road, Browns Valley, CA 95918-9636 (or)

Fax to: (530) 639-2419 (if faxing application, do not use pencil) Illegible or incomplete applications will be disqualified.

2006 GAME BIRD HERITAGE SPECIAL TURKEY HUNT APPLICATION

California Department of Fish & Game-Sacramento Valley Central Sierra Region

Please check the boxes below for the hunts you would like to apply for. You may apply for any hunt and any dates but you will only be drawn for one turkey hunt per season. Do Not apply more than once for any hunt or you will be disqualified. This section must be complete and legible to qualify for the drawing. You may apply as a party of four, as long as all hunter's names and current valid hunting licenses appear.

Name: _____	License #: _____	Contact Address & Phone #: _____
Name: _____	License #: _____	_____
Name: _____	License #: _____	Zip: _____
Name: _____	License #: _____	() _____

SPENCEVILLE WILDLIFE AREA				OROVILLE WILDLIFE AREA				DAUGHERTY HILL WILDLIFE AREA					
Quota	Date	Deadline	Check to Apply	Quota	Date	Deadline	Check to Apply	Quota	Date	Deadline	Check to Apply		
											Apply for one or all units		
											Daugherty Hill Unit	Donovan Hill Unit	Darby Road Unit
40	March 25	March 8		15	March 25-26	Mar. 8		12/7/2	March 25	March 8			
40	March 26	March 8		15	April 8-9	Mar. 8		12/7/2	March 26	March 8			
40	March 29	March 8		15	April 22-23	Mar. 8		12/7/2	March 29	March 8			
40	April 1	March 8		Three 2-day hunt periods. This hunt may be cancelled after flood damage is assessed.				12/7/2	April 1	March 8			
40	April 2	March 8						12/7/2	April 2	March 8			

Mail Application to 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Questions call (916) 358-2839 or (916) 358-2882.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·No refills or exchanges on hunt dates. ·You will receive a map and more info, once drawn. ·Spenceville will be closed to all other uses during the turkey hunt period. ·Non-shooters are allowed but do not need to be listed. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Spenceville and Daugherty Hill will be open to the public for Spring turkey hunting daily, after the first nine days of the season. ·Multiple applications for the same hunts will be disqualified. |
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

JR PHEASANT HUNT VOLUNTEERS, and TURKEY CALLERS

University of California Junior Turkey Hunt on April 1, 2, 22 and 23, 2006. Each year the DFG and the University sponsor a turkey hunt for junior hunters on University property 20 miles east of Marysville. The DFG is looking for experienced turkey callers who would like to spend a day calling turkeys for a young hunter and their parent. You must be a patient person who is more interested in teaching the art of turkey hunting than necessarily bagging a turkey. There are lots of turkeys on the 5700 acres of University property.

Junior Pheasant Hunts in Sutter County - Each year there is a junior pheasant hunt for about 500 youth on the last weekend of October (Oct. 28-29, 2006) and the first weekend in November (Nov. 4-5, 2006) about 20 miles north of Sacramento. Adult volunteers with or without trained bird dogs are urgently needed to plant the pheasants and act as monitors with small groups of junior hunters and their adults. If you have a trained bird dog, you can help a junior hunter without a dog get their first bird. Come help for a half day or the whole weekend.

If you can help out in any of these areas please contact DFG Wildlife Biologist Dale Whitmore at (530) 743-5068. Here are ways that many of us can help pass on the outdoor traditions that we love so much. Please give Dale a call and leave your name, address, phone number and hunt in which you can tentatively help.

SPECIAL 2006 SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTS SCHEDULED AT LAKE MENDOCINO

A series of two junior and six general wild turkey hunts, by permit only, are scheduled to begin March 25, 2006 at Lake Mendocino east of Ukiah. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (U.S.A.C.E.) is providing this hunting opportunity in cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Game. Five hunters will be drawn for each hunt. Boat-in access only.

Junior Hunts: Saturday, March 25th and Saturday, April 1st. Youth hunters must possess a junior hunting license and must be accompanied by an adult of at least 18 years old. Two junior hunters may apply together on one application. No more than two hunters may apply on one application. Only the junior/youth hunters may hunt.

General Hunts: Hunts dates are as follows: March 28th, April 4th, 6th, 8th, 11th and 13th. The general hunts are open to anyone with a California hunting license, have submitted an application, and have been drawn.

Applications: Applicants may apply for one hunt date only. Submit a standard Postal Service size post card (one or two hunters per card) with name, mailing address, telephone number, hunting license number, boat registration number (CF) or vessel description if exempt from registration, and the hunting date of choice. Incomplete applications or applications not following these guidelines will be disqualified from the drawing. Mail to: Department of Fish and Game, Lake Mendocino Spring Turkey Hunt, P.O. Box 602, Willits, CA 95490. Successful applicants will be notified by mail.

Drawing: All applications must be received in the Department Mendocino\Northern Lake County Unit office by Thursday, March 2nd, 2006 for a drawing to be held on Friday, March 3rd.

Access: Boat-in access is available from the south boat ramp (7 a.m.-sunset). Hunters may also launch at the north launch ramp at any time of day if they have already checked in at the U.S.A.C.E. Park Office. No vehicle or horse-in hunting will be allowed.

Check In: All successful applicants must check in at the U.S.A.C.E., 1160 Lake Mendocino Drive, Ukiah, CA 95482-9404, prior to their hunt. Selected participants for the two junior hunts and the one general hunt on the 8th of April must check in the Friday preceding their hunt by 4:30 p.m., or from 7:30 a.m.-10 a.m. on the morning of their Saturday hunt. All other general hunters can check in the night before or the day of their hunt between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For any questions regarding the check-in process, camping, or hunt area access, please call the U.S.A.C.E. Park Office at (707) 462-7581. Take Method: Shotgun or air rifles firing pellets and powered by compressed air or gas (0.20 caliber minimum) only.

FREE WILD TURKEY HUNTING TRAINING SEMINAR IN SACRAMENTO

The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) in cooperation with Wilderness Unlimited (WU) and the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) will sponsor the ninth annual Wild Turkey Expo. The turkey hunting seminar will be on Saturday, March 11, 2006, 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks, California.

The popular, free event, which has drawn standing-room-only crowds, will provide comprehensive information on wild turkey biology and hunting, with a strong focus on hunting turkeys on public land. Topics include locating the birds, where to hunt turkeys on public land, calling, turkey habits, camouflage, the use of shotguns and archery equipment, cooking that bird, and equipment demonstrations. Sporting goods companies will be on hand to show you the latest equipment, clothing and everything you will need for turkey hunting. Other like-minded organizations will share information about other hunting opportunities.

Veteran turkey hunter John Higley, who is also a writer for many popular outdoor publications, will be a featured speaker at the event and will instruct how to use decoys, archery and shotgun hunting techniques, and camouflage methods. Ryan Mathis, the NWTf regional biologist, will discuss turkey habitat, turkey relocation efforts and hunting techniques. Bruce Wurth, of American Friction will talk about friction calls and have his calls available. Shotgun selection and shooting, patterning your shotgun, the proper loads to use, and a question and answer period will also be part of the program.

DFG's wild turkey biologist Scott Gardner will offer insight to hunters and naturalists on the wild turkey's habitat and where to find them on public lands. In addition to Gardner, other DFG personnel will be available to answer questions.

The seminar is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided; we are asking for a \$5.00 donation. For more information contact Susan Herrgesell, Program Coordinator, California Department of Fish and Game (530) 347-3980 or sherrges@dfg.ca.gov.

Advanced Hunter Education Workshops

The Dept. of Fish and Game, in partnership with other supporting organizations, are presenting the following workshops. For more info go online to www.dfg.ca.gov/huntclinics or call Susan Herrgesell at 530 347-3980. Please fill out a separate online form and send separate checks for each clinic. Reservations will be on a first come/first serve basis. Deadline for registrations, including fees, will be due two weeks prior to the workshop date. Make checks payable to: California Wildlife Foundation and send them to Dept. of Fish and Game, Advanced Hunter Ed Program, 601 Locust Street, Redding, CA 96001.

If you cannot go online, please send the following info: workshop name and date, your name, address, city, state and zip, phone #'s during day and evening and an e-mail address along with the check. You will receive an e-mail confirmation of your registration and, approximately two weeks prior to the clinic you will receive a packet of information containing directions to the property and a list of items you will need to bring.

Wild Pig Hunting Clinic – April 29, 2006 at Fort Hunter Liggett. 25 miles west of King City in Monterey County. In partnership with Pacific Coast Hunter Education Association, we bring you this exciting clinic which will cover biology, hunting considerations and requirements, methods of take, methods of locating wild pigs, hunting techniques, locations to hunt, care of game and the final reward... wild pig recipes. Cost: \$40; lunch: \$5 donation.

Big Game Hunting Clinic - May 20-21, 2006 at the Wilderness Unlimited Property, Williams, CA. Are you new to big game hunting? Or, are you not as successful as you'd like to be? Here's the class for you...learn from the experts. This two-day clinic will give you the hands-on information you need to be successful. The format will include four concurrent sessions, two on Saturday, two on Sunday covering (1) deer of California, areas to hunt, zones, etc., (2) hunting strategies, scouting, tracking, and recognizing signs, (3) equipment, shot placement, shoot-don't shoot scenarios, and (4) field dressing, butchering, and transporting. You will have the opportunity to attend all sessions. We will be camping on the property. Bring your own food and tent or RV. Space is limited. Cost: \$60

Gun Dog Handling Clinic - June 3, 2006 in Tehachapi, CA from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The 4 Seasons Hunt Club near Tehachapi will be our host for this informative clinic. At this clinic you will learn about gun dog training and hunting from some of the best in the field. Justin Tackett from Outdoor Life Network's show Waterdog and ESPN will be there with Yella to talk about waterfowl hunting with retrievers. Lisa McNamee from the High Desert Hunt Club will discuss and demonstrate training and hunting with pointers. Danette Weich DVM will discuss conditioning, care and first-aid for hunting dogs. Dennis Shulgren, operating manager of 4 seasons Hunt Club will discuss and demonstrate hunting with a pointing Labrador Retriever. It will be a full day well spent learning about Gun Dogs and watching some great dogs in action. Cost \$40; lunch \$5 donation.

Wild Pig Hunting Clinic - June 3, 2006 in Sonoma. In partnership with Pacific Coast Hunter Education Association and the Valley of the Moon Gun Club, we bring you this exciting clinic which will cover biology, hunting considerations and requirements, methods of take, methods for locating wild pigs, hunting techniques, locations to hunt, care of game and, the final reward...wild pig recipes. Cost \$40, lunch \$5 donation

Land Navigation & Survival Clinic – July 10-11, 2006 at the Stonyford area, northern Colusa County. The clinic will use curriculum designed to help every student learn and practice basic navigation skills. Lab exercises will develop the skills learned in the classrooms. The clinic will cover magnetic declination, the workings of a base plate compass, map reading, how to stay oriented naturally, taking bearings, using magnetic bearings, the map coordinate systems, and using the global positioning system. The survival portion of the clinic will cover kits, first aid, water-collecting techniques, fire starting, signaling, navigation, water crossing, shelter building, and essentials for any trip in the wilderness. Lots of hands-on experiences. Cost: \$50.

Pig Hunting Clinic – August 5, 2006 at the Tejon Ranch in southern Kern County. In partnership with Pacific Coast Hunter Education Association and the Tejon Ranch, we bring you this exciting clinic which will cover pig biology, hunting considerations and requirements, methods of take, methods for locating wild pigs, hunting techniques, locations to hunt, care of game and the final reward...wild pig recipes. We will even venture out on the ranch and look for pig sign. Cost \$40, lunch \$5.

Upland Game Hunting Clinic - September 23, 2006 at the High Desert Hunt Club, near Gorman (south of Bakersfield). In partnership with Quail Unlimited, this clinic will include information about how to hunt pheasant, quail, and chukar. Topics will include history, habitat, food, range maps, equipment, and hunting with or without a dog. There will be dog demonstrations, both pointers and flushers. Space is limited. Cost \$40, lunch \$5 donation.

Upland Game Hunting Clinic - September 23, 2006 at the Wilderness Unlimited Property in Williams, CA. In partnership with Quail Unlimited, this clinic will include information about how to hunt pheasant, quail, and chukar. Topics will include history, habitat, food, range maps, equipment, and hunting with or without a dog. There will be dog demonstrations, both pointers and flushers. Space is limited. Cost \$40, lunch \$5 donation

Waterfowl Hunting Clinic – September 30, 2006 at the Wilderness Unlimited Property in Williams, CA from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Learning waterfowling from the BEST at this comprehensive waterfowl clinic...Mike Carion, Assistant Chief of the Dept. of Fish and Game. Mike's expertise in waterfowl hunting and identification is renowned. And, John Hayden, scull boat manufacturer, will be there to demonstrate scull boating. Topics to be covered are concepts of decoy placement, blind design, ballistics, calling, duck ID, and safely. Space is limited. Cost \$40, lunch \$5 donation.

Dog Handling Clinic for Pointers - November 4, 2006 in Rosamond, southern Kern County. In partnership with Quail Unlimited, we are offering this new clinic that will teach basic and intermediate principles to properly training all pointing breeds of dogs. Professional pointing dog trainer Jim Rice with his fellow members of the Santa Clarita Valley Chapter of Quail Unlimited will show how your "Green Broke" pointing dog and turn him or her into a "Broke" dog and your best hunting buddy. Jim will evaluate your dog for experience and make suggestions on how and what proper training methods to use. Cost \$40; Lunch \$5 donation.

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman, California

is offering workshops for women who want to learn outdoor skills in a safe, non-threatening environment. For more information about these and other workshops, visit us at www.bowcalifornia.org or call 530-347-0227.

A Day at the Range

When/Where: June 24, 2006: Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club, 4000 Dagnino Rd. near Livermore. Time: 9am- 4pm
Find out why more and more women are taking up the thrilling sport of shotgunning. Range masters will instruct you in firearm safety, types of ammunition, getting a good fit, and cleaning and maintaining your shotgun. You will get lots of practice breaking clays. This class may be for you if you are considering taking up shooting as a hobby or if you are interested in hunting. This course will help prepare you for your Hunter Safety class. All equipment and ammunition will be provided. Limit: 25 participants. Cost: \$100

Directions to the range - From Interstate 80 use the North Livermore Avenue (Central Livermore) exit. Travel north on North Livermore Avenue about 2.6 miles to May School Road and turn right. Follow May School Road about 1.2 miles to Dagnino Road and the club entrance.

Map and Compass and Wilderness Survival, July 7-9, 2006, Red Fir Campground, El Dorado National Forest (near Loon Lake). Arriving Friday after 3:00 and concluding the workshop Sunday after lunch.

Have you ever thought that a compass was something too complicated for you to understand or just always wanted to know how to use one but never had the time? Well, for all of you who are directionally challenged or not, Monte and Julie Hendricks are offering you this opportunity to put your fears to rest. There is nothing "magical" or complicated about it. You will learn that the compass is your friend...maps are easy when you have all of the information...and you CAN do this. You will be camping along beautiful Loon Lake. You will need to bring your camping gear and your food. We will provide beverages. Toilet facilities and hot showers are available. Limit: 25. Cost: \$100.

Pheasant Hunt - Williams (Colusa County), December 3, 2006

Whether you hunt behind a pointer or a flusher, the excitement is overwhelming... walking the fields, hearing the crackle of stubble beneath your boots, watching the dogs on the trail of a wily pheasant. We have limited space for this hunting workshop. All equipment will be provided. You will need a California hunting license with an upland game stamp. We will meet at the club house at 7:00 a.m. for coffee and a continental breakfast before the hunt. Limit: 12. Cost: \$100

Duck Hunt - Williams (Colusa County), December 8-9, 2006

Can you picture yourself in a duck blind at the break of dawn when it seems like the whole world is coming to life, experiencing the sights and sounds of nature, waiting to hear those wing beats heading toward the decoys? If you've ever wanted to learn to duck hunt or are just beginning and want some excellent instruction, this is the class for you. Wilderness Unlimited has offered a guided duck hunt for ten very lucky women. You and another hunter will hunt with a professional guide and dog. We will meet at the club house for dinner Friday evening, sleep in the bunk house, and rise at 4:00 a.m. to get out to the blinds. You will need your hunting license with both the state and federal duck stamps. Limit: 10. Cost: \$200.

Multi-course Workshop, October 20-22, 2006

Wonder Valley Ranch and Resort, Sanger, California - east of Fresno. This three-day workshop offers instruction in many classes including basic fishing and fly fishing, camping and backpacking, shotgun and rifle shooting, bow-hunting and archery, outdoor cooking, kayaking, map and compass and many more. All lodging, meals, equipment, and instruction are included. Cost: \$350.

FREE WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEMINARS

Chico - Chico Sportsmen's Den, 465 East 20th Street.. Seminar in early March. Speaker is Mike Walters from Hunter Specialties. He will discuss scouting, general turkey knowledge, locating turkeys, calling and camouflage. More Info: Contact Dave or Duane at 530 891-5238.

Walnut Creek - Woolley's Sporting Life, 1684 Locust St., Seminar in early March. Please call to register. More Info: 925 939-5455.

Sacramento - Elk Horn Bait and Tackle, 6745 20th St. and Elk Horn Blvd, 2 seminars on March 11, 2006: 10 AM-12 PM and 1-3 PM. Just show up. More info: 916 991-5298.

Fair Oaks - 9th annual free turkey hunting seminar on Saturday, March 11, 2006, from 9AM to 4PM at the Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd in Fair Oaks. Just show up. See article in this edition.

If you are aware of other businesses offering hunting or fishing seminars, please call 530 743-5068 with the name of the business or person offering the turkey hunting seminar.

Turkey Hunt at Englebright Lake for "Mobility Impaired Hunters"

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Englebright Lake (20 miles east of Marysville) is offering wild turkey hunting opportunities for "mobility impaired hunters". A "mobility impaired hunter" is defined as any person who has been issued a Department of Motor Vehicles, "disabled license plate, or permanent parking placard identification card", or a "Disabled Veteran" license plate, or a valid "Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License" (FG form 1460).

The blue plastic "Disabled Parking Placard" may not be substituted for the required "Identification Card" which bears the name of the mobility impaired person. Disabled hunters must provide the registration certificate for DMV issued disabled license plates.

How to Apply: Send a note with the hunter's name, address, phone/hunting license numbers and a copy of proof of "mobility impairment". Send the letter to DFG, Englebright Lake MI Hunt, 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

List the following weekends in order of preference and availability: March 25-26; April 1-2; 8-9; 15-16; 22-23; and April 29-30, 2006. Only 6 hunters will be drawn.

Become a Volunteer...

Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Wood Duck Nest Box Program

Here's an opportunity for you!

- Make a contribution to wildlife
- Gain experience working directly with wildlife
- Participate in the largest wood duck nest box monitoring program in the state
- Become part of the Gray Lodge family of volunteers and staff
- Experience the beauty of Gray Lodge's remote areas

Here's your chance to contribute back to the wildlife. Working closely with a section leader, you will experience wildlife up close. Don't miss this unique opportunity. Crews of two to three collect detailed data taken to understand and enhance the local wood duck population and other wildlife, including wrens, kestrels and owls. Although the work can be challenging at times, it is also a great deal of fun. Don't let these photographic moments pass you by. Maintenance checks are conducted every other week from March to July. Most section checks take three to four hours.

Orientation Meeting
Saturday, March 18, 2006
9:00am - 1:00pm

Wear comfortable clothes. We will check a few boxes at the end of the orientation. Space is Limited, So Make Your Reservation Today! (530) 846-7505

DFG Offers Spring Outdoor Opportunities for Youth Interested in Archery

The Department of Fish and Game is offering two exciting archery classes this spring for youth at least 10 years old and accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Class 1 - When: Saturday, April 29, 2006

Time: 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per youth (parents and guardians are free)

Where: Maya Archery Range, 750 Galleria Blvd,
Roseville CA 95678

Class 2 - When: Saturday, June 17, 2006

Time: 9:30 until 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per youth (parents and guardians are free)

Where: Nevada County Sportsmen Range, 11296
Banner Mountain Trail Road,
Nevada City, CA 95959

Participants will "spring" their way into this exciting time of year learning some great beginning archery skills and spending time outdoors. Topics include: History of archery, safety, equipment choices, outdoor ethics and plenty of shooting time at a variety of bulls-eye targets.

Both events include a barbecue lunch and snacks will be provided. Youth must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Parents and guardians may also try their hand at shooting and there is no charge. These outdoor opportunities are co-sponsored by the California Bowmen Hunters/State Archery Association. All equipment will be provided.

Pre-registration is required for both events. Register online at: www.dfg.ca.gov/yo or call 916-653-7748.

GRAY LODGE WILDLIFE AREA CLEAN UP AND FIELD DAY APRIL 8, 2006

Each year over 100 hunters/family members showed up for a light duty clean up and wood duck box inspection day at Gray Lodge WA. The California Waterfowl Association is seeking volunteers for this morning/early afternoon cleanup. Activities will also be available to children of all ages. All family members are encouraged to participate as the day will be educational, entertaining, and most importantly, improve the quality of our wildlife area. Mike Womack, Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Manager, will update us on trends in wetland management.

Start time is 8:00 am. Coffee, juice and breakfast snacks will be provided prior to hitting the field with an excellent barbecue lunch, raffle, and silent auction ending the day, around mid afternoon. A small fee of \$7.50 per person/\$5.00 for kids 16 and under will be charged to those eating lunch to help offset food costs.

What you need to do:

1. RSVP to the address below (preferred), or sign up at the Gray Lodge check station and include a check for food if applicable.
2. Bring outdoor work clothes, boots, and chest waders if you have them.
3. Bring tools: gloves, hammer, pruning shears, rakes, shovels, etc.

For more info, please contact Phil Fischer (925) 827-7953 (day), (925) 672-3475 (evening), or via email at: Philfischer@sbcglobal.net.

Registration Form - Please detach and mail to: Phil Fischer,
140 Mount Whitney Way, Clayton, CA 94517.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of attendees: _____

Attendees eating lunch: _____ X \$7.50 \$ _____

Kids eating lunch : _____ X \$5.00 \$ _____

Additional contribution to help CWA : \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Are you interested in becoming a CWA member? Yes No

What is a Junior Hunter?

A junior hunter is a person who has successfully completed their hunter education training course and has purchased their junior hunting license before their 16th birthday. The junior license is valid for the current hunting year even though they will pass their 16th birthday during that hunting season. Buy your junior license before you become 16.

Junior hunters are issued free entry permits on Type A and B Wildlife Areas and National Wildlife Refuges. The junior hunter must be accompanied by a person at least 18 years old. A person who is at least 18 years may bring up to two junior hunters to hunt with him or her.

Junior hunters are not required to purchase California Upland Game Bird Stamps or California Duck Stamps. A Federal Duck Stamp is required for hunting ducks on and after their 16th birthday. The annual Youth Waterfowl Day is open only to those hunters who have not had their 16th birthday on the event day.

Fishing and Hunting at Camp Roberts (near Paso Robles)

Pending base approval, the hunting and fishing program at Camp Roberts should open on April 29 and 30. On that particular weekend pig, turkey and jackrabbit as well as trout fishing may be held. Trout are stocked in the Nacimiento River from the end of April to the end of September. Deer, pig, dove, rabbit, turkey, quail, and waterfowl hunting take place during the appropriate seasons of the year. Opening day for deer and pig hunting is by reservation only. Cost to hunt is \$15 daily or \$55 for a season pass. A fishing season pass is \$15. Hunters and anglers must have a California fishing and/or hunting license with appropriate stamps. Final program details will be determined in late March.

Permits are available for sale during hunting and fishing periods at the wildlife check station at Gate 3, located near the East Garrison exit from Highway 101. Schedules, maps, and opening day reservation forms can be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope, along with your request, to the following address: California Army National Guard, HQ Camp Roberts, ATTN: Hunting and Fishing Program, Camp Roberts, CA 93451-5000; or by visiting the website:

www.calguard.ca.gov/cprbts Link to "Hunting and Fishing". Taped Information Line (805) 238-8167.

APPLY FOR BIG GAME TAGS TO MEET THE DRAWING DEADLINE

Do you plan to apply for antelope, elk, bighorn sheep or deer tags this year? The drawing deadline date for applying is months away but now is the time to mark your calendar to remind you that those applications must be received at the License and Revenue Branch (LRB) in Sacramento by 5:00 p.m. June 2, 2006.

Hunting licenses and deer tag applications will be available at DFG offices and license agents by mid-April. Also available at that time is the DFG's "Big Game Hunting" Booklet which will contain applications for antelope, deer, elk and bighorn sheep drawings. The "Mammal and Furbearers Hunting Regulation" booklet will be available in mid-May. Information may also be obtained from the DFG web page at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing>. LRB is selling hunting and fishing licenses at the 3211 S Street office in Sacramento and licenses are sold at DFG, Region 2, 1701 Nimbus Road in Rancho Cordova. For more info call the LRB at (916) 227-2245.

STONE LAKES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WALKS

The Stone Lakes NWR is located in southern Sacramento County about 10 miles south of the state capital. The refuge is about 1700 acres in size with a portion open for waterfowl hunting. The NWR sponsors Open Trail Days for viewing a portion of the refuge. Though the area available for hunting in the fall will not be open for these hikes, this is good time to familiarize yourself with the refuge.

Visitors will access the refuge at Elk Grove Blvd., west of Interstate 5. Please wear walking shoes and dress for the weather. Bring binoculars, field guides, and drinking water. A portable restroom is available. Call the Stone Lakes refuge information line at (916) 775-4420 for updates, or visit <http://www/fws.gov/stonelakes>.

Dates: Feb. 25, March 11 and March 25, 2006. Refuge open 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Docent guided tour at 9 a.m.

CWA Shooting Day Camp at Cordova Shooting Center

WHAT: California Waterfowl Association (CWA) is organizing a Shooting Day Camp to introduce youth to rifle, skeet and trap shooting. The event is sponsored in part by Cordova Shooting Center and Cabela's.

WHEN : Saturday, February 25th at the Cordova Shooting Center, 11551 Douglas Blvd., Rancho Cordova. Session #1: Beginning Shooters 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Session #2: Experienced Shooters 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

WHAT'S UNIQUE: The Shooting Day Camp provides a fun, safe, and low-pressure opportunity to get hands-on experience in recreational rifle and clay target shooting. Activities include: Rifle range, Trap range, and Skeet range. Cost is \$25 per person which includes expert instruction, ammo, targets, snacks and a CWA youth membership. All interested youth ages 10-17 are encouraged to attend. Registration will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis by calling (916) 648-1406. Guns will be provided or you can bring your own.

SUISUN MARSH FIELD DAY SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2006

The California Waterfowl Association has organized an entertainment and information field day at the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area located 15 miles south of Fairfield. Take Highway 12 to Grizzly Road and turn south to the wildlife area headquarters. Admission to the event is free, with a BBQ lunch and refreshments available at an additional charge. It runs from 9am-5pm. There will be a youth waterfowl calling contest as well as many other activities for the children. Wildlife artists, decoy carvers, dog trainers, duck callers, and manufacturer representatives will be some of the people on hand. For more info call CWA @ (916)648-1406.

Free Northern California Wildlife Area (WA) Map Booklet

Don't know where the huntable public lands are located? Here is a good place to start. Make a trip to these areas this spring/summer to familiarize yourself with them.

Free maps for the following public lands are available at Dept. of Fish and Game by calling (530) 743-5068, mention free MAP BOOKLET and leave your mailing address on the recorder. The following maps are available: White Slough WA - San Joaquin County; New Hogan Lake - Calaveras County, Oroville and Gray Lodge WA's in Butte County, Putah Creek WA - Solano County; Black Butte Lake - Tehama/Glenn Counties; Abbott/O'Connor Lakes, and Nelson Slough WA's in Sutter County; Sacramento Bypass WA - Sacramento County; Lake of the Woods and Daugherty Hill WA's in Yuba County; Spenceville WA - Yuba/Nevada Counties, Sacramento Valley Waterfowl Area Map, Grizzly Island WA - Solano County; Yolo Bypass WA - Yolo County; Llano Seco, Howard Slough and Little Dry Creek Units of the Upper Butte Basin WA in Butte/Glenn Counties; Tehama Wildlife Area in Tehama County; Sacramento, Delevan, Colusa and Sutter National Wildlife Refuges; the public lands around Clear Lake including the Cache Creek and Indian Valley WA's, Cow Mountain, Knoxville and Sheldon Creek Recreation Areas, the Cedar Roughs Area and the Boggs Mountain State Forest; Napa-Sonoma Marshes WA near Vallejo and habitat projects such as conservation easements, mourning dove nest cones, rockpiles/brushpiles, wood duck and bluebird box plans.

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Enhanced Fish Stocking of Lakes in The Urban Bay Area

To enhance anglers' abilities to enjoy lakes close to home in the urban area, The Fishing in the City program provides supplemental stocking of Rainbow Trout and Channel Catfish at lakes around the Bay Area.

"Supercatchable" rainbow trout (1 to 3 pound per fish) are planted in the cool months (generally October – April) and Catfish weighing between 1 and 2 pounds per fish are planted in the early fall and late spring.

The following lakes receive fish in varying amounts at different time of the year. We are unable to provide you with fish stocking information prior to planting; however, you may call (707) 944-5581 for lakes stocked by the Department or go to <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/fishplant> for fish planting info. Many lakes are also stocked by the local park districts. For more information, contact the Bay Area Fishing in the City program at erotman@dfg.ca.gov or (415) 892-0460

Catfish	Supercatchable Rainbow trout	
Lake Elizabeth	All lakes listed receive 1 pound trout.	
Don Castro Reservoir	* indicates supercatchables to 3 pounds	
Contra Loma Reservoir	Lakeshore Park*	
Lake Refugio	Lake Elizabeth*	
Heather Farms Pond	Don Castro Reservoir	
Hidden Valley	Lake Temescal	
Lake Chabot (Vallejo)	Contra Loma Reservoir	
Dover Pond	Shadow Cliffs	
Hilltop Lake	Lake Refugio	Cottonwood Lake*
Lake Cunningham	Heather Farms Pond	Spring Valley Lake
Cottonwood Lake	Hidden Valley*	Lake Vasona
Spring Valley Lake	Lake Chabot (Vallejo)*	Lake Merced*
Lake Vasona	Dover Pond	Lake Ralphine*
Lake Ralphine	Hilltop Lake	Bon Tempe Reservoir*
Scottsdale Pond	Lake Cunningham*	Scottsdale Pond

Portola Rotary Clubs Lake Davis Fishing Derby – June 10, 2006

Saturday, June 10, 2006 is the date for this popular annual event that offers guaranteed monetary prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Also includes prizes from local merchants and others! Entry fee is \$20.00 per person or \$10 for young people 15 and under. All proceeds will be used to provide scholarships and fund local community needs. This terrific community event gives all of us a great excuse to spend the day outdoors! Pre-register by calling Portola City Hall at 530 832-4216, or come by the Log Cabin Restaurant on Sierra Street in Portola after 5 PM on Friday, or you can sign up at the Lake on the day of the event. See you there.

Fishing in the City – Sacramento Area

Trout are being planted weekly in February through mid-March in the following urban waters: WILLIAM LAND PARK, ELK GROVE PARK, HOWE PARK AND HAGAN PARK.

Free fishing instruction clinics with loaner rods, bait and tackle for 50 people will be held at the following locations and times:

SAT. FEB. 18, ELK GROVE PARK, 8:30-NOON. Elk Grove Park is located next to Elk Grove High School on Elk Grove-Florin Road in Elk Grove.

SAT. MARCH 4, HOWE PARK DERBY, 8:00-2:30 PM. Howe Park is on Cottage Way at Howe Avenue in Sacramento. Morning and afternoon derby with many prizes and activities provided by the park district. Fee of \$10 or \$25 for family of 5 or less. Pre-register at (916) 927-3802 and the fee is \$7 or \$20 for family of 5 or less.

TROUT RELEASE INFORMATION AVAILABLE BY TELEPHONE

Are you planning a vacation and want to go fishing where you will have a good likelihood of catching some trout? Find out when and where the Department of Fish and Game has, or will be releasing trout by calling the numbers listed below. Trout planting info covering the area of the western side of the Sierra Mountains from Calaveras County north is at (916) 351-0832; Northern California - (530) 225-2146; and the Coastal Counties from Mendocino to San Luis Obispo - (707) 944-5581.

FREE FISHING DAYS – JUNE 10 AND SEPTEMBER 23, 2006

Have you ever felt the excitement of watching your bobber suddenly jiggle, then dive out of sight? Or feeling the tap-tap-tap of a bass as it tastes the worm on the end of your line? Or having a salmon practically tear the rod out of your hands as it smashes your lure? What's that? You say you never learned to fish?

Well, if you're new to the sport of fishing, and not sure if you will enjoy it, we have a great deal for you. The Department of Fish and Game offers two "Free Fishing Days" each year. That's right; you can fish without having to buy a license on free fishing days! They're a great, low-cost way to give fishing a try. Some Department offices even offer clinics on free fishing days! And we have a "Fishing in the City" program where you can go fishing in the middle of major metropolitan areas — maybe just a block or two from your home! "Fishing in the City" and free fishing day clinics are designed to educate people just like you about fish habits, proven methods of catching fish, and tackle you'll need. You can even learn how to clean and prepare your catch so you can enjoy it for dinner that night!

While all fishing regulations, such as bag and size limits, gear restrictions, fishing hours and stream closures remain in effect; there are two Saturdays each year where anyone can fish without purchasing a fishing license.

Red Bank Ale and Quail Game Bird Club, Kid's Outdoor Camps

The Red Bank Ale and Quail Game Bird Club will host "Kids Outdoor Sports Camps" this summer at Red Bluff in northern California. Boys and girls from 9-14 years of age learn the basics of outdoor responsibility. Hunting and fishing skills are taught through the California Hunter Education Program. Campers are tested at the end of their stay and receive the hunter safety certificate with a passing score.

Campers who already have their hunter education certificate improve their shooting, archery, fly-tying, fly and bait fishing, tracking, bird calling, dog training, survival and first aid, identification and conservation skills. Many outdoor activities keep the campers busy and focused on a great week in the outdoors.

Dates for this year's camps are:

Camp #1 – Beginning (ages 9-14): June 11-16

Camp #2 – Beginning (ages 9-14): June 18-23

Camp #3 – Beginning (ages 9-14): July 16-21

Camp #4 – Intense Shooting Camp (ages 12-14): June 25-29

Camp #5 – Intense Shooting Camp (ages 12-14): July 23-27

Camps are filled on a first-served basis. Cost is \$550/camper.

For more information, please contact

Mickie Riley at (530) 528-0153.

DFG plants Catchable-Sized Coho Salmon at Lake Oroville

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) has stocked Lake Oroville in December 2005 with 60,000 larger-than-normal Coho salmon from the state of Washington.

"These fish are 7 to 10 inches long, twice the normal size for most salmon stocking operations," said Dennis Lee, supervising biologist in DFG's Fisheries Program Branch. "They're going to hit the water with their mouth's open, ready to start feeding." He further states that by May the salmon will be 12-14 inches.

The Lake Oroville operation differs from DFG's traditional fish planting efforts that place catchable fish for anglers. Fish from previous stocking operations of other species at the reservoir were beset by disease. DFG found it difficult to maintain a consistent source of disease-free Coho eggs for production and stocking, and chose to purchase out-of-state Coho as fish, rather than eggs, for this program.

When the water warms up in May, try trolling the deeper water. You may want to check with Oroville area sport shops about which lures are working the best.

The DFG plants combinations of fingerling, subcatchable, and catchable-sized fish in lakes and reservoirs. The Inland Salmon Program often uses fingerling-size fish because the smaller fish are more economical to plant as opposed to larger catchable-sized fish.

ARCHERY WILD PIG HUNTS AT LAKE SONOMA – 2005-06

Archery and crossbow hunting of feral pigs is permitted on about 10,000 acres of the US Army Corps of Engineer property near Geyserville. Lake Sonoma is about 70 miles north of San Francisco and west of Highway 101. There are many hundreds of pigs estimated to be on the property. Hunting began in October and will end for the season on the last day of March 2006. Hunting is open Tuesday through Friday in October, everyday in November except Nov. 1, 12, 13, 19 and 20; and everyday in December, January, February and March.

Procedures: All hunters check in at the visitor center by filling out a hunter information card located at the self-registration area of the visitor center. Maps of the open hunting areas are attached to the self-registration cards. Hunters turn in half of the card on entering and half on checking out. Hunters are required to display a valid hunting license on their person while in the field and have pig tags with them. Pigs are the only species to be hunted, dogs may not be used and no firearms may be in your possession while at Lake Sonoma. Shooting hours are the legal shooting hours for big game from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Any questions should be directed to the Lake Sonoma Visitor Center (707) 433-9483 Ext 27.

REMOTE YUBA RIVER FISHING ACCESS

The Dept. of Fish and Game, and the University of California Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center (UC SFREC) are pleased to provide anglers with fishing access on the lower Yuba River about 20 miles east of Marysville. The cooperative effort will provide a maximum of fifteen anglers per day access to a remote section of the lower Yuba River. The access site is located near Browns Valley CA, approximately 1 ½ miles upstream of the Hwy 20 bridge. Access allows anglers to fish both banks of the river, between the legal upstream and downstream UC SFREC property boundaries. In addition, anglers can launch car top boats, canoes, kayaks, rafts, and float tubes. Any floatation device used must be carried to the river, as boats requiring the use of a trailer are not allowed. Steelhead fishing in this section of the Yuba River is catch and release with barb less hooks.

Application: To enter the random draw, send a standard post card with: your name, the name of one additional applicant (if you choose), the address and phone number of the primary applicant, and the date you wish to fish to: Dept. of Fish and Game, Lower Yuba River Fishing Access, 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

Fishing Dates: April 8, April 9, May 20, May 21, June 24, June 25, July 15, July 16, August 5 and August 6. Entry cards must be received 15 days before the day you wish to fish. Successful entries will be notified at least 7 days before the desired fishing date. One entry card per date per person. Applicants under the age of 16 are not required to possess a fishing license. Please indicate on the entry card if you have been or plan to be off of the North American continent within 14 days prior to the date you wish to fish. For more info call (916) 358-2926.

Mail Order California Hunting Licenses Stamps, Tags, find a License Agent

If you don't have a license agent nearby you can mail order a California resident, non-resident, a 2-day nonresident, junior, or disabled veterans hunting license, bobcat hunting tag (5 tags per book), resident or nonresident wild pig tag, and an upland game stamp by going online to <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing>. Click on "Hunting Mail Order Form", then "2005-2006 Mail Order Form". You will print the form, fill it out, enclose a copy of acceptable proof of hunter education, and submit payment with a check, money order or credit card # to Dept. of Fish and Game, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95816, phone (916) 227-2245.

If you want to find a license agent, go online to: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing>. You will find a web page where you click on "license agent search", then type in a specific license agent's company name. You can also search for license agents by city, county, state or zip code. Click on the individual agent to read the telephone number for calling to inquire if they have the license you need.

Hunter Education Training Schedule

Persons interested in going hunting this fall should be making plans now to take their required hunter safety course. Hunter education courses must include at least 10 hours of training in both hunter safety and wildlife conservation. Some courses also include shooting practice at a range. Volunteers teach the courses and may charge a fee of up to \$10 per person. For upcoming courses contact any of the applicable numbers below or the following numbers for your area. No. California and No. Coast Region (530) 225-2003; Sacramento Valley and Central Sierra Region (916) 351-0833; Central Coast Region (707) 944-5576; San Joaquin Valley and So. Sierra Region (209) 243-4027; or So. California Region (562) 590-5670.

Hunter safety courses are also offered through local sporting goods stores, city or county recreation departments, shooting rangers or other hunting related businesses. The following is a list of instructors to contact for the areas listed.

Northern Calif. – North Coast Region

Crescent City	707-464-7157	Don Kelly
Eureka	707-443-6328	Brad Smith
Red Bluff	530-528-8819	Bob Barney
Redding	530-225-1025	Marshall Jones
Redding – Home Study	530-225-2300	Monthly - pick up packet at DFG office, 601 Locust St. Redding
Susanville- Home Study	530-251-2136	Cliff Bannister for dates

Sacramento Valley - Central Sierra Region

Auburn & Lincoln	530-878-6937	Monthly
Auburn	530-888-7111	Auburn Elks Club-Larry Rolufs
Rancho Cordova	916-351-0538	Monthly
West Sacramento	916-617-4620	Monthly
Stockton	209-937-8206	Monthly
	209-823-7919	Monthly-Manteca Sportsmen's Club
Sacramento	916-929-6000	Jeff Goodwin
Placerville	530-644-2797	Monthly
Elk Grove	916-686-1852	Monthly- Mike Green
El Dorado County	530-622-3794	Monthly-Bill Adams or
	530-622-2480	Monthly- Jim Russell
Roseville	916-728-5500	Monthly-Brad Gunter
Vacaville	707-449-4867	Monthly-The Shooting Gallery
Chico	530-896-9935	Monthly-Butte Co. Search & Rescue Building
Gridley	530-846-2575	Larry Hamman - Call for dates
Cameron Park	530-677-6996	Private Classes- Vern Luce
Grass Valley	530-273-4440	Monthly-The Range-Fred Pfadt
Nevada City	530-273-0781	Eric Newman
Yolo County	530-662-3372	Monthly-Knights Landing Sportsmans Club,
	530-662-2349	Yolo Sportsmans Assoc.
	530-662-4873	Mike Russow
	530-666-3752	George Gumpy
Yuba City/Marysville	530 743-1518	Terry Oaks,
	530-751-7767	Monthly- Joe/Joan Becker
	530-671-9250	Monthly-Chuck Wyllie
Oroville	530-533-2011	Nelson Recreation Center- Jason Sehon
Paradise	530-877-5114	Paradise Sporting Goods, Larry Mane
Portola	530-832-5372	Sylvia Olsen
Chester	530-258-2415	Dave Gonyer or
	530-596-4115	George Orloff
Quincy	530-283-1378	Harry Howsden
Rio Linda	916-991-5929	Rio Linda Rec Center
Rocklin	916-632-4100	Rocklin Community Services-Brett Mattix
Hamilton	530-826-0532	Kieth Dietle
	530-826-3261	
Willows	530-934-2638	John Hays
Diamond Springs	530-622-3794	Diamond Springs Fire Dept.-Bill Adams
Alameda County		
Castro Valley	510-569-0213	First Saturday of every month -Chabot Gun Club
C.V. /Livermore	925-216-7269	Neal Kernes (Home study)
	925-447-6682	Lorrie Ambrosino-Feb - May
Livermore	925-997-2246	Garth Gelster – Home study
San Leandro	510-638-9605	Monthly – San Leandro Optimist Club Rifle & Pistol Range
Dublin	925-9985068	Buck Buchanan
Hayward	510-785-4868	Wilderness Unlimited – Ray Hedval
Contra Costa County		
Brentwood	925-625-4347	Rod & Chris Jenneihan
Concord	Register in person	United Sportsman, Inc. – Pete Margiotta
		Register at 4770 Evora Rd., Concord

925-685-5437
 Martinez 925-372-9599
 925-229-4867
 San Pablo 707-425-2618
 Lake County
 Upper Lake 707-275-3354
 707-275-9304
 Lakeport 707-263-1585
 San Francisco County
 San Francisco 650-588-0924

 San Mateo County
 San Mateo 650-343-1280
 650-341-0429
 So San Francisco 510-713-8907

 Cupertino 408-972-2360
 Santa Clara County
 Morgan Hill 408-842-7578
 San Jose 408-972-2360

 Santa Clara 408-970-9870
 Milpitas 408-263-7468
 Santa Cruz County
 Santa Cruz 831-423-0548
 831-772-4812
 Aptos 831-420-5309
 Solano County
 Vallejo 707-642-9094
 Suisun 707-425-2618
 Vacaville 707-449-4867
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 Sonoma 707-938-5473
 Healdsburg 707-431-3377
 Napa 707-648-0410
 Santa Rosa 707-543-3282
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 805-543-0429

 Todd Tognazzini 805-237-3988
 San Miguel 805-467-3209
 Santa Maria 805-937-2441
 805-346-2214
 805-934-5737

Concord Sportsman Inc.- Cliff Ames
 Martinez Gun Club
 Scott Youell
 The Bow Rack – Salvatore Di Marco

 Clifford Shick – when enough sign up.
 Joe Diaz
 Phil Phillips – Tentative class 2nd week of June

 Pacific Rod & Gun Club, John Brusco
 Jan , Mar, May, July & Aug. classes

 Coyote Point Shooting Range
 John Galloway – Mar, May & Sept. classes
 Jackson Arms, Bill Tidwell

 Sunnyvale Rod & Gun Club – Sol Silverstein

 Coyote Valley Sporting Clays – Mar.-Nov classes
 Santa Clara Field Sports Park -Sol Silverstein
 Feb. May & Aug. classes
 Reed's Indoor Range- Feb.-Oct. classes
 Target Masters

 Gary Lease
 Bob Wilt
 Aptos Library-Chuck Woodson

 Warren Madison
 Salvatore DiMarco
 The Shooting Gallery

 Valley of the Moon Trap Club
 Officer Steve Moore
 Napa Rifle & Pistol Club-Sam Grow
 Steele Lane Comm. Center
 Santa Rosa Comm. Center
 Black Point Sporting Clays

 Rock Springs Ranch

 Classes pending
 Phil Phillips

 Bullseye Shooting Range

 Ukiah Elks Club, Richard Turner
 Ukiah Gun Club-Robert Fuchs
 Phil Vermillion

 Jim Miller
 Bob Monahan
 Alfonzo Sanson
 Geoff Malloway

 Santa Lucia Sportsmen's Assoc.-Jim Berman
 Mar, July, Sept. classes
 San Luis Obispo Sportmen's Assoc
 Classes held when enough students sign up.
 Madelene Farris
 Paso Robles Cenntinnial Park – Dennis Doberneck
 San Miguel Lion's Club, Frank Nations
 Santa Maria Gun Club, Jim Banakus
 Trini Martinez
 Tom Martinez

Hunter Education Training Schedule, continued...

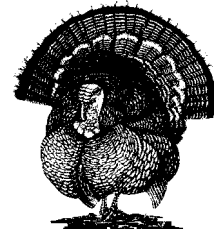
Bowhunting Classes

Challenge 530-534-0977
Yuba City 530-671-9250 or

Darryl McElmurry
(Chuck Wyllie & Gene Kreb)

530-751-7767
Stockton 209-463-8860
Grass Valley 530-268-3549
Esparto 530-787-3259
Roseville 916-723-6792
Rocklin 916-635-6759
916-630-8700
Hayward 510-581-0249
Lodi 209-745-3969
Orangevale/Rocklin 916-723-6792
Rocklin 916-381-4130
Orland 530-865-3786

(Joe Becker)
(John Watters)
(Dave Deacon)
(Marshall Myers)
(Robert Moore)
(Jim Williams)
(Wilderness Archery)
(Jeff Banke)
(Keith Walker)
(Robert Moore)
(John Waddles)
(Wilda Sealy)



RABBIT SEASON HERE JULY 1 (proposed)

WILDLIFE AREAS OFFER MANY HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

California hunters are looking forward to another rabbit season. The proposed season begins July 1, 2006 and extends through January 28, 2007 for cottontail, brush, pygmy and snowshoe rabbits. Jackrabbit season remains open year round.

Legal shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. The best time to hunt rabbits is early morning and at sunset, when they're most active. The limit is five per day and 10 in possession statewide. There is no limit for black-tailed and white-tailed jackrabbits. Most shotguns, archery and rifles (including air rifles firing pellets, excluding BB's, powered by compressed air or gas) are legal for rabbit hunting.

Each year, California hunters report the harvest of about 85,000 cottontails and 75,000 jack rabbits.

Rabbits are famous for speed, which is why they're so much fun to hunt. Jackrabbits hide by "freezing" in cover, but once they're jumped they head for open country. Cottontails run in a big circle after they're jumped, so many hunters will use a dog to trail the rabbit while the hunter waits for it to return. Look for rabbits in brushy, rocky areas where they can hide from predators. Brushy, stream side habitat is also a favorite. Wildlife areas along the major rivers provide some of the best rabbit hunting.

If you are interested in creating brush piles or rock piles for rabbit habitat that will provide game for years to come, call Wildlife Biologist Dale Whitmore at (530) 743-5068 and ask for tips on where and how to make a wildlife brush pile. A sportsmen club or Eagle Scout project on either public or private lands is a project which will produce wildlife for years to come.

Rabbits vary greatly in size, from less than a pound for a pygmy rabbit, to more than 10 pounds for a white-tailed jackrabbit. There are seven species of rabbit in California.

Recommendation- The Feather River Wildlife Area units located between Sacramento and Marysville-Yuba City had an abundance of cottontail rabbits in 2005. There was some flooding in January 2006. This may have made the rabbits more susceptible to predation and lowered their numbers. The rabbit population can come back quickly with the right rainfall and habitat. If the 2006 spring flooding is not severe, this should be another very good year. Bring your shotgun (no rifles or pistols are allowed), be there at daylight, enjoy the sunrise and good hunting.

Most of the Department's wildlife areas are open to rabbit hunting. There may, however, be restrictions to the method of take. For a complete listing of state and federal wildlife areas open to hunting, refer to the 2005 California Regulations For Hunting and Other Public Uses On State and Federal Areas (the new booklet for 2006 may be available in late September). For complete hunting regulations consult the 2006-2007 California Hunting Regulations, Mammals and Furbearers which may be available at all Department of Fish and Game offices and license agents in June.

Women and Juniors (and Dads, too)

Start Your Fall Hunting Plans Now

There will be many special junior/women's pheasant hunting opportunities for you this fall. Now is the time to get started with preparation. Here are a few tips.

1. If you haven't completed your hunter education course, call your local sporting goods store, shooting range, or city recreation department as they often give classes. See the instructors list in this edition.
2. If you have completed the hunter education course, remember that cottontail rabbit season begins on July 1. Many of the state wildlife areas are open for rabbit hunting. You should take a trip to a wildlife area to find out where it is located and what it looks like. For a free copy of the Wildlife Area Map Booklet for northern California call the DFG at (530) 743-5068 during business hours.
3. If you don't have a location to practice shooting, check the yellow pages under "GUNS" for the location of shooting ranges in your area.
4. If you did not receive this copy of the Sacramento Valley Wing Beat News in the mail, send your name and mailing address to Dept. of Fish and Game, 3207 Rutherford Road, Gridley, CA 95948 to be placed on the mailing list. You will be notified in the fall issue of the many junior pheasant hunts which will be available.

Internet - DFG homepage: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov>
 DFG, Hdqtrs, 1416 Ninth St., Sacto, 95814 (916)445-0411
 Conservation Education (916) 653-7664
 Inland Fisheries (916) 653-6194
 Marine Resources (916) 653-6281
 Natural Heritage (916) 324-0565
 Personnel (916) 653-8120
 Wildlife Management (916) 653-7203
 Wildlife Protection (916) 653-4094
 Mountain Lion Emergencies (916) 445-0045
 DFG, Region 1, 601 Locust Street, Redding, CA 96001, (530) 225-2300, FAX (530) 225-2381.
 DFG, Region 2, 1701 Nimbus Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 (916) 358-2900, FAX (916) 358-2912.
 DFG, Region 3, P.O. Box 47, Yountville, CA 94599, (707) 944-5500, FAX (707) 944-5563.
 DFG, Region 4, 1234 Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710, (559) 243-4005, FAX (209) 243-4022.
 DFG, Region 5, 4949 View Ridge Ave, San Diego, CA 92123, (619) 467-4201, FAX (619) 467-4235
 DFG, Region 6, 330 Golden Shore, Suite 50, Long Beach, CA 90802, (562) 590-5132, FAX (562) 590-5152.
 DFG, Region 7, 20 Lower Ragsdale Dr., #100, Monterey, CA 93940 (831) 649-2870
 DFG, License and Revenue Branch, 3211 S Street Sacramento, CA 95816 (916) 227-2177 / 227-2245
 Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, 3207 Rutherford Rd., Gridley, CA 95948 (530) 846-7500
 Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, P.O. Box 368 Suisun CA 94585 (707) 425-3828
 Oroville/Spenceville Wildlife Areas, 945 Oro Dam Blvd Oroville, CA 95965 (530) 538-2236
 Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area, P.O. Box 190 Butte City, CA 95920 (530) 982-2169
 Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, 45211 County Rd 32B Davis, CA 95616 (530) 757-2461
 CalTIP - Californians Turn in Poachers
 1-888-DFG-CALTIP (1-888-334-2258)
 DFG Hunter Education Information
 Program Administrator (916) 653-9727
 Region 1, Coordinator (530)225-2304 Rec (530) 225-2003
 Region 2, Coordinator (916)358-2906 Rec (916)351-0833
 Region 3, Coordinator (707)944-5548 Rec (707)944-5576
 Region 4, Coordinator (559)243-4005, Ext 124 Rec 243-4027
 Region 5, Coordinator (760)947-8859 Rec (562)590-5670
 Upland Game Bird Publications (Quail, Pig and Turkey Guides) 1-916-653-GAME.
 Farming for Wildlife Brochure -
 Contact Dean Kwasny at (916) 653-7203.
 Fishing in the City Stocking Program (916)358-2872 (Sacto)
 Sport Fishing Information 1-800-ASK-FISH (275-3474)
 Wild Trout Project Newsletter (2x/year) c/o Stan Stephens, Editor 8530 W. Roosevelt Ave, Visalia, CA 93291-9458 (209) 651-1710
 Trout Planting information
 Sacramento Valley-Central Sierra (916) 351-0832
 Northern California(530) 225-2146
 Coastal Counties (Mendocino to San Luis Obispo) (707) 944-5581
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 Subscription to: Outdoor California, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090. Six issues are \$ 9.95 per year
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 For subscription assistance call (916) 653-7664.
 Sacramento NWR, 752 County Rd. 99W, Willows, CA 95988 (530) 934-2801

To report a BIRD BAND call 1-800-327-BAND
 Wing Beat News-San Joaquin Valley, Contact Los Banos WA, 18110 W. Henry Miller Ave, Los Banos, CA 93635
 Wing Beat News-Sacramento Valley, Contact DFG-Gray Lodge WA, 3207 Rutherford Rd., Gridley 95948 (530) 846-7500 glwla@dfg.ca.gov
 Valley Care Newsletter (free)-Ducks Unlimited, 3074 Gold Canal Dr., Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6116 (916)852-2000
 For National Forest maps and information contact the following offices. Many of the offices carry maps of several forests. Most maps are \$6 each.
 Mendocino NF, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988 (530) 934-3316
 Plumas NF, P.O. Box 11500, 159 Lawrence St., Quincy, CA 95971 (530) 283-2050
 Plumas NF, 875 Mitchell Ave., Oroville, CA 95965 (530) 534-6500
 Tahoe NF, P.O. Box 6003, Hwy 49 and Coyote St., Nevada City, CA 95959 (530) 265-4531
 El Dorado NF Information Center, 3070 Camino Heights Drive, Camino, CA 95709 (530) 644-6048
 Stanislaus NF, 19777 Greenley Road, Sonora, CA 95370 (209) 532-3671
 Shasta-Trinity NF 2400 Washington Ave, Redding, CA 96001 (530) 246-5222
 Six Rivers NF 507 E. Street, Eureka, CA 95501 (707)442-1721
 Lassen NF 55 S. Sacramento St., Susanville, CA 96130 (530) 257-2151
 Modoc NF, 441 N. Main St., Alturas, CA 96101 (530) 233-5811
 Lake Oroville State Recreation Area, CDPR, 400 Glen Drive, Oroville, CA 95966, (530) 538-2200/538-2219
 Auburn State Recreation Area (30,000 acres), CDPR, P.O. Box 3266, Auburn, CA 95604, (530) 885-4527/988-0205
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers properties open for hunting:
 Black Butte Lake, USACE, 19225 Newville Road, Orland, CA 95963-8901, (530) 865-4781.
 Englebright Lake, USACE, P.O. Box 6, Smartville, CA., 95977, (530) 639-2342.
 New Hogan Lake, USACE, 2713 Hogan Dam Blvd, Valley Springs, CA 95252, (209) 772-1343.
 Lake Mendocino, USACE, 1160 Lake Mendocino Dr, Ukiah, CA 95482 (707) 462-7581
 Lake Sonoma, USACE, 3333 Skaggs Springs rd., Geyserville, CA 95441-9483 (707)433-9483 (Special hunts by resv. only)
 Department of Interior, Bureau of Rec. areas open for hunting:
 New Melones Lake, Bureau of Reclamation, 6850 Studhorse Flat Road, Sonora, CA 95370, (209) 536-9094.
 Department of Forestry property open for hunting:
 Jackson Demonstration State Forest - 50,200 acres, 802 N. Main St., Fort Bragg, CA 95437 (707)964-5674
 Boggs Mtn. Demonstration State Forest -3,493 acres, P.O. Box 839 Cobb, CA 95426 (707) 928-4378
 Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
 Bakersfield, 800 Truxton Ave, 93301 (805)861-4191
 Susanville, 705 Hall St, 96130 (530) 257-5381
 Redding, 355 Henstead Dr., 96001 (530)246-5325
 Folsom, 63 Natoma St., 95630 (916) 985-4474
 Riverside, 1695 Spruce, 92507 (714)351-6383
 Carson City, NV, 1050 E. Williams St, 89701
 Cow Mtn/Kings Range Recreation Areas/Cache Creek Public Access, 2550 N. State St., Ukiah 95482-3023
 15 (707)468-4000

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 25, 2006	CWA Shooting Day Camp at Cordova Shooting Center
Feb. 25, Mar. 11&25	Stone Lakes Walks south of Sacramento
February 28, 2006	Reservation application deadline for UC at Browns Valley "Junior" Turkey Hunt
March 2, 2006	Reservation application deadline for Lake Mendocino and Cache Creek spring turkey hunts
March 8, 2006	Reservation application deadline for Spenceville, Daugherty Hill, and Oroville WA spring turkey hunts.
March 11, 2006	Free Wild Turkey Hunting Seminar, 9-4, Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd in Fair Oaks
March 16, 2006	Reservation application deadline for Lake Sonoma spring turkey hunts
March 18, 2006	Orientation Meeting 9-1, Gray Lodge WA Wood Duck Volunteer
March 25, 2006	Wild Turkey Season Opens
April 8, 2006	Gray Lodge WA Field Day- 8 am
April 29, 2006	Camp Roberts Hunting and Fishing Program Opens
April 29, 2006	Youth Archer, Maya Archery range, 750 Galleria Blvd, Roseville
April 30, 2006	Wild Turkey Season Closes
May 2006	Purchase 2006-2007 hunting license and big game tag applications. Mail applications.
June-July	Kids Outdoor Sports Camps near Red Bluff
June 2, 2006	Big Game Tags Drawing Deadline
June 3, 2006	Suisun Marsh Field Day
June 10, 2006	Free Fishing Day
June 10, 2006	Lake Davis Fishing Derby
June 17, 2006	Youth Archery, Sportsmen Range, 11296 Banner Mtn Trail Road, Nevada City
July 1, 2006	Cottontail Rabbit Season Opens (proposed)
September 1, 2006	Mourning Dove Season Opens (proposed)
September 23, 2006	Free Fishing Day
April-November	See Advanced Hunter Education Workshops
June-December	See Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Workshops

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